

**Proposed Principles and Framework for  
CALFED Long-Term Governance  
Outline  
12/7/99**

**Chapter 1 Purpose and Policy**

Section 1. Nature of Resource.

Section 2. History of Dispute.

Section 3. CALFED Bay-Delta Program Process.

Section 4. CALFED Bay-Delta Program Plan.

Section 5. Principles for Implementing the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

**Principle 1:** *The CALFED Program should be jointly managed by the State and Federal governments through program implementation.*

**Principle 2:** *There should be a clear point of, and process for accountability of the Program to the Legislature, the Congress, stakeholders and the public.*

**Principle 3:** *The membership of the CALFED decision-making body should be made up of State, Federal, tribal and public members.*

**Principle 4:** *The institutional structure and authority of the governing entity should attract strong leadership to the position of executive director.*

**Principle 5:** *The Commissioners should serve as the decision-making body for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the Executive Director and Commission staff should manage the implementation of the Program. (See Principle 8 for ERP management.)*

**Principle 6:** *The Commission should serve the function of program management of each of the CALFED Program Elements in order to reduce fragmentation of responsibility and accountability, maximize coordination and integration among the Program Elements, and to avoid conflicting mandates within existing agencies.*

**Principle 7:** *The Commission should delegate implementation, as appropriate, to existing agencies or new entities. Delegation will vary between program depending on the nature of the program and actions and the expertise of other agencies.*

**Principle 8:** *New funding for implementation of the CALFED Program actions should be appropriated directly to the Commission for those activities to be directly managed by the Commission. Funding for the CALFED Program actions delegated to a State or Federal agency should be appropriated directly to that agency, with control language requiring Commission approval of program plans and priorities.*

**Principle 9:** *Due to the critical importance of the reducing the conflict in the Delta between water management and ecological health, and the complexity and size of the ERP, there should be significant focus and accountability given to the management of the ERP.*

**Principle 10:** *The Commission's meetings should be open and public, and the Commission should seek ways to maximize public knowledge of, and involvement in, its work. The Commission should support involvement in the Program at a local level.*

## **Chapter 2 CALFED Bay-Delta Commission**

Section 1. CALFED Commission.

Section 2. Commission Membership.

Section 3. Commission Organization.

Section 4. Commission Duties and Authorities.

## **Chapter 3 Program Management and Coordination**

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**Section 5. Water Management.**

1. Water Management Strategy Programs/Tools.
  - A. Transfers.
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**Chapter 4 Science in CALFED**

Section 1. Scientific Review Board.

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**Chapter 6 CALFED Agency Coordination and Public Participation.**

Section 1. Agency Coordination.

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